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TO AMCONSUL BELIZE IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: OGEN, BH

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF BEANS FOR BELIZE

REFERENCE: BELIZE 525

1. WITH REGARD TO ORIGINAL REQUEST FROM PREMIER PRICE OF GOB  
NEED FOR 5,000 BAGS OF RED KIDNEY BEANS, FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE AT THIS TIME:

A) FFP HAS NO STOCKS OF BEANS.

B) U.S. STOCKS EXIST MAINLY IN CALIFORNIA AT PRESENT BUT  
NEW CROP SHOULD BECOME AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK ABOUT MID-OCTOBER.

C) RECOMMEND GOB SEEK U.S. GRADE NO. 2 AND SPECIFY THAT  
MOISTURE CONTENT NOT EXCEED 16 PERCENT.

D) CURRENT PRICE OF BEANS STORED IN CALIFORNIA DELIVERED  
(FOB) TO NEW ORLEANS \$35.20 PER 100 LB. BAG (OCEAN FREIGHT  
AND LOADING ADDITIONAL).

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E) SHOULD GOB DESIRE TO ENTER INTO COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SUPPLIERS FOLLOWING TWO CONCERNS HAVE STOCKS AS INDICATED AT APPROXIMATELY SAME PRICE (NOTE: ORDER SHOULD STIPULATE WHETHER DARK OR LIGHT RED BEANS):

1) 2,000 BAGS AVAILABLE TRINIDAD BEAN ELEVATOR CO., 101 VALLEJO STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94126, TELEPHONE: 415-781-6964 (ATTENTION: MR. WILLIAM MCCORMICK).

2) 3,000 BAGS AVAILABLE BERGER & PLATO, 64 PINE ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94111, TELEPHONE: 415-982-8822.

2. FYI: UNDERSTAND SUPPLIERS UNLIKELY TO NEGOTIATE SHIPMENT WITHOUT FIRM LETTER OF COMMITMENT RECEIVED IN ADVANCE. ALSO RECOMMEND PURCHASE STIPULATE INSPECTION BY USDA (FEDERAL) INSPECTOR. KISSINGER

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